

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for providing network-based supply chain communication between
2 stores, distributors, suppliers, a supply chain manager, and an office of the supply
3 chain manager, comprising:
 - 4 a) transmitting invoice level sales data from the supplier to the supply chain manager
5 utilizing a network;
 - 6 b) sending gross purchase data from the distributors to the supply chain manager
7 utilizing the network;
 - 8 c) communicating daily sales data from the stores to the office of the supply chain
9 manager utilizing the network; and
 - 10 d) transmitting total menu item sales data from the office of the supply chain
11 manager to the supply chain manager utilizing the network.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the stores, the distributors, the suppliers, the
2 supply chain manager, and the office of the supply chain manager communicate
3 utilizing a network-based interface.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the gross purchase data includes monthly gross
2 purchase data.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the supply chain manager manages the
2 distributors.

- 1 6. A system for providing network-based supply chain communication between
2 stores, distributors, suppliers, a supply chain manager, and an office of the supply
3 chain manager, comprising:
4 a) logic for transmitting invoice level sales data from the supplier to the supply chain
5 manager utilizing a network;
6 b) logic for sending gross purchase data from the distributors to the supply chain
7 manager utilizing the network;
8 c) logic for communicating daily sales data from the stores to the office of the
9 supply chain manager utilizing the network; and
10 d) logic for transmitting total menu item sales data from the office of the supply
11 chain manager to the supply chain manager utilizing the network.

1 7. The system of claim 6, wherein the network includes the Internet.

1 8. The system of claim 6, wherein the stores, the distributors, the suppliers, the
2 supply chain manager, and the office of the supply chain manager communicate
3 utilizing a network-based interface.

1 9. The system of claim 6, wherein the gross purchase data includes monthly gross
2 purchase data.

1 10. The system of claim 6, wherein the supply chain manager manages the
2 distributors.

1 11. A computer program product for providing network-based supply chain
2 communication between stores, distributors, suppliers, a supply chain manager,
3 and an office of the supply chain manager, comprising:
4 a) computer code for transmitting invoice level sales data from the supplier to the
5 supply chain manager utilizing a network;
6 b) computer code for sending gross purchase data from the distributors to the supply
7 chain manager utilizing the network;

- 8 c) computer code for communicating daily sales data from the stores to the office of
9 the supply chain manager utilizing the network; and
10 d) computer code for transmitting total menu item sales data from the office of the
11 supply chain manager to the supply chain manager utilizing the network.

1 12. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the network includes the
2 Internet.

1 13. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the stores, the distributors,
2 the suppliers, the supply chain manager, and the office of the supply chain
3 manager communicate utilizing a network-based interface.

1 14. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the gross purchase data
2 includes monthly gross purchase data.

1 15. The computer program product of claim 11, wherein the supply chain manager
2 manages the distributors.